

Opportunities for Ministry



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From the Rector

At St. John's all of us are engaged in shared ministry. What we have discovered is that the best way to *feel* engaged in the life of a church is to *be engaged in some ministry.* In fact, at St. John's one of the ways we determine that someone is a *full member* of the community of faith is when they are indeed engaged in some ministry.

In the pages that follow you will learn about nearly 90 different distinct ways that you can serve! There is, we believe, something for everyone.

Take a minute and think about your gifts. What are you really good at? What brings you joy? What can you do as a family or a couple or an individual? We believe that there is a way for everyone to be involved.

This is a large church and there is much work to be done and fellowship to be had and we need the joyful offering of your gifts in order for us to be complete. If you are not sure what to do we have a number of people who can help you. They are listed on the next page.

Maybe you have been a member of St. John's for years and heavily involved in a ministry but now it is time to try something new. Look through the book and see what you can find. Maybe as you move into a new ministry you can identify a new member and let them work and share with you.

Rhett Leake, lay volunteer leader, can help you evaluate where your gifts and energy fit within the **many opportunities at St. John's. She can also help with connecting you with the folks leading the ministries you are interested in joining.**

And, if you just aren't sure, come and speak with me. We'll visit a while and see if we can match your gifts to the work of the Church. I'm sure we can.

Also, if in looking through this booklet or otherwise you come up with a great idea for a new ministry, **say your prayers about it and then come and meet with me and we'll see how we might get that launched.**

I thank you in advance for your ministry to St. John's and The Lord we all serve.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "P.S. Winton".

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Fellowship & Hospitality

Bread of Life: Volunteers periodically bake six mini-loaves of lemon, chocolate chip or banana **bread to be put into the visitor “welcome bags”** in order to provide a warm welcome to our newcomers. Kits, with all packaging materials (*no yeast!*), are provided by the church. This is a simple way to serve the church and fill your home with a lovely aroma too!

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Episcopal Church Women (ECW): ECW arranges monthly events for women of all ages at **St. John’s to gather together and do Christ’s ministry** through our church community. ECW offers a variety of day and evening programs. Come and learn from speakers, participate in outreach activities, walk and observe through tours, or join us for good conversation over a meal. Participating in any of these events provides opportunities for fellowship, ministry, and spiritual growth.

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Greeters: Greeters provide a friendly face at the door to greet our visitors before and after Sunday morning worship services. This ministry is for you if you can periodically offer a few minutes of **hospitality and direction to our guests. “I was a stranger and you invited me in,” Matthew 25: 35.**

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Kitchen and Food Ministries: If you enjoy cooking and have always wanted to spend time in a **big commercial kitchen, St. John’s has a wonderful opportunity** for you to have fun and serve others at the same time. Volunteers are *always* needed, and appreciated, to help cook, serve and clean up for the many parish occasions when we share meals and fellowship. The Sunday morning breakfast team hopes to grow its ranks. From 6 to 7:30 am **you can be a ‘Prep Cook’, at 7:30 to 9:30 am you can cook and serve or help in the dish room and with clean-up.** On Wednesday evenings during the school year, you may volunteer from 6 to 7:30 pm in the dish room or help with cleaning up the Parish Hall and kitchen.

Periodic deep cleaning of the kitchen is done several times each year, and helping hands are needed to scrub, wipe down, and make the kitchen clean and fresh. As well, many parishioners have given **beautiful silverware to St. John’s, and help is needed** to polish it periodically. No special training needed for any of these activities, just time and patience.

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Men’s Lunch Bunch: We are a group of men, mostly over 50 (some of us WAY over) who meet once a month for conversation, fun, fellowship and a delicious sandwich lunch. We meet on the last Monday of each month. The gathering officially starts at 11 am in room 309 (the youth game room). Guys wander in anytime after that and we spend time talking, swapping lies or playing pool or a video game. We eat at noon, and most of us are out of there no later than 1:30 pm. We have no stated purpose or mission except fellowship. Some of our members have decided to make themselves available to assist other members with transportation needs, but doing that is certainly not a requirement for membership.

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New Member Integration: There are several opportunities to help integrate newcomers into the **life of St. John’s.** *The Newcomer Committee* helps guide the procedures involved in fully integrating newcomers into parish life: including newcomer coffees, new member receptions, greeter events, and other events designed to help transform the visitor into a full member of the St. John’s church family.

The Paper Trailers is a team of folks whose talents run toward the administrative side of things and help with the integration process paperwork.

The only qualification for either of these opportunities is that you can identify with this scripture **from Hebrews: “Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have entertained angels without knowing it.”**

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Prime Timers: **The Prime Timers of St. John's** was formed in the mid-1980's by a few longstanding members of the church, due to a recognized need to bring together empty nesters, pre and post-retirees and other interested parties for spiritual fulfillment and fellowship. The group morphed into a regular meeting on the third Sunday of each month, usually gathering for lunch. Prime Timers now has approximately 100 people, with more coming each year. There is a governing board made up of a president, secretary, treasurer, hospitality chair, program chair and communications chair. All board members are appointed to serve from June 1 through May 31 each year. The group charges nominal dues (in 2010 \$10.00 per person) designated to provide gifts for program speakers and other related luncheon items. At the end of the year, usually in May, the Prime Timers come together for an annual picnic. This is a celebration of the end of another fun filled year. The Prime Timers group is open to all church members who want to share fellowship and caring for others both within and outside the church. Come join the fun!

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Sigma (formerly NYPT, Not Yet Prime Timers): Sigma is somewhere between Alpha and Omega. Sigma is open to all adults. The membership consists primarily of adults whose children are grown. Many Sigma members still work, but some are already retired. The group enjoys evenings out and meets monthly in a member's home for fellowship.

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YEA (Young Episcopal Adults): From 20 to 30-something and searching? Young adults of faith between the ages of 20 and 30-something play and celebrate the lives they lead and the lives that lie ahead, exploring what God might have in store.

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To get involved, go to page 17 and complete the form. Then send it to Rhett Leake at the address shown on the bottom of the form.

Have an idea for a new ministry? Call Rhett Leake and let her know!

Have updates for this handbook? Send them to Cathy Harrison at charrison@saintjohns-charlotte.org

Sunday Morning for Children and Youth

Children's Chapel Leaders and Musicians:

Children's Chapel is a vital part of our children's faith development as they experience the rituals and traditions of the church. St. John's offers a children's chapel during the 8:45 worship service for children 3 years old through first grade on the second, third and fourth Sundays of each month during the school year. The children go upstairs to "big church" for a children's sermon on the second Sunday. Parent volunteers assist in leading the service. Musicians who play piano or guitar are needed to lead the children in the hymns.

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Children's Sunday School Teachers: Sunday School takes place from 10:05 until 11:00 am. During that time, the children and youth are taught God's Word and how it can be relevant in their daily life. Our Sunday School utilizes the David C. Cook Anglican curriculum, a biblically based curriculum that weaves through both the Old and New Testament teaching the stories that are fundamental to the Christian

faith. The 6th and 7th grade and the 9th-12th grade classes also use the David C. Cook "Real Life Downloads," which deal with current events and issues that face youth today. Students in the 8th grade spend the year preparing for Confirmation, utilizing the Young Alpha course with supplemental teaching of church doctrine and history. All of our dedicated teachers are volunteers and we are always happy to add to the ranks!

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Nursery Care: Childcare is provided for Infants, Toddlers, and Two year olds from 8:30 through 12:30 in rooms 133, 134, and 135. This provides nursery during the 8:45 and 11:15 services as well as during Sunday School. St. John's employs three sitters from a childcare service that is licensed and bonded. However, we also ask parents of these children to volunteer several times throughout the year to assist during worship and the education hour.

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Christian Formation for Adults

Bible Studies: St. John's offers a wide variety of opportunities for Bible study. We have men's groups, women's groups and mixed groups — choose one! Not sure which is the best fit for you?

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Morning Prayer, Bible Study & Breakfast
Mondays, 7 am - Chapel and Room 208
The fellowship begins with Morning Prayer in the Chapel. Next we move to Room 208 to share a light breakfast. Then at 7:30 we share in the study of the Bible and conclude at 8am with prayer. Some members of the group continue with Centering/Contemplative Prayer from 8:10- 8:30 am in the Parlor.

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Beginner's Bible Study

Mondays, 7:30am - Room 201

This 45 minute offering is for those who have little or no experience with a Bible Study group and would like to learn.

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Bible Break Room—Monday
2nd and 4th Mondays, 1 pm - St. Peter's Episcopal Church (On the corner of 7th Street and Tryon)
Our purpose is to bring together through fellowship, study and service members of St. John's who work in the Charlotte Center City area. We are currently studying The Acts of the Apostles.

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Exploring the SeLection

Tuesdays, 12:45pm - Chapel

Immediately following the Healing Service, Fr. Josh will lead this weekly look at the reading selection from the churchHome curriculum. This is a great way to prepare for your family discussions of the weekly reading!

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LIFT Bible Study (Living in Faith Together)

Wednesdays, 11 am - Room 309

LIFT alternates study between specific books in the Bible (8 to 12 week study), and books and/or movies that explore our Christian faith. LIFT, facilitated by lay leadership and the Rector once per month, welcomes all who enjoy sharing different viewpoints, want to pray together and seek faithful engagement with others in their relationship with Jesus Christ.

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Bible Study & Lunch with the Staff

Wednesdays, 12:30pm - Parish Hall

Join the Staff of St. John's as the clergy facilitate a Bible Study over lunch. The Lectionary selections for the coming Sunday will be explored through prayer and discussion.

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Dinner & Bible Study

Wednesdays, 6:15pm - Room 204/205

Bring your dinner and join Fr. Michael for a **Bible Study based on the week's lectionary readings**. Regular attendance is encouraged but not **required. Each week's study is independent so if you miss a week it is okay!** *Class will be dismissed before Compline begins at 6:50pm in the parish hall.*

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The Upper Room

Thursdays, 9:30am - Parlor

Fr. Paul will lead this study of selected passages from the Bible, engaging in thoughtful discussion and exploration of the text.

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“Growing in Faith” Bible Study

Thursdays, 10:30am - Room 312

This group studies various materials, from books of the Bible to topical studies. We are studying 1st and 2nd Timothy with study guides written by John Stott. We are a lively, welcoming group!

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Friday Bible Study

Fridays, 7:20am - Room 208 (Following morning prayer at 7am in the Chapel)

This class, facilitated by Fr. Josh, studies God's word as written in the Holy Scripture. According to God's plan the Israelites were to live in the Promised Land as obedient and reverent to God. Thousands of years later we are called to do the very same thing. How can we as fathers, husbands, and brothers in Christ learn from them? **How can we live Gods' plan? Join us for a lively discussion of the book of Judges.**

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Bible Break Room—Friday

Fridays, 7am - St. Peter's Episcopal Church (7th St. b/t N. Tryon & Church St.)

For men working uptown, this group emphasizes scripture, prayer and fellowship.

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Saturday Morning Bible Study with the Rector

Saturdays, 8:30 am - Parlor

On Saturday mornings from November through March and May through September, the Rector facilitates this Bible Study, following a very sim-

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ple Eucharist at 8:10am. The group does not meet in October and April. No Bible study experience is required. A sense of humor helps. If you need a Bible, we have plenty. When the Rector is absent the group is encouraged to meet and charge on in his absence.

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Centering Prayer: Centering Prayer is a method of prayer which prepares us to receive **the gift of God's presence. It is traditionally called contemplative prayer.** Centering Prayer facilitates the movement from more active prayer — verbal, mental, or affective prayer — into a **receptive prayer of "resting" in God. It is a prayer of silence, an experience of God's presence as the Ground in which our being is rooted, the very source from whom our life emerges.** Centering Prayer is not meant to replace other kinds of prayer; rather it casts a new light and depth of meaning on them. It is at the same time a relationship with God and a discipline to foster that relationship. This method of prayer is a movement beyond conversation with Christ to communion with Him. There are two Centering **Prayer groups at St. John's; Mondays at 8:10 am and Tuesdays at 11:15 am.** Each group meets for approximately 30 minutes in the parlor.

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Cursillo: Cursillo is a movement of the church that helps people understand their individual callings as Christian leaders. The leadership may be exercised in work situations, in the family and social life, in leisure activities, and within the Church environment. Leadership, in Cursillo, does not mean power over others, but influence on others; all of us need to be aware that we can exert a positive influence on those around us. The goal of Cursillo is the goal of the Church: to bring all to Christ. This is done when informed, trained leaders set out with the support

of others having a similar commitment. Cursillo helps to renew and deepen Christian commitment. Many people have said Cursillo provides an important learning experience which causes them to feel like newly made Christians with a purpose and with support.

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Education for Ministry (EfM): EfM is a four year course in theology and spiritual reflection offered through the University of the South School of Theology. Participants register for only one year at a time. The seminar group is the nucleus of the EfM program. A group consists of 6 to 12 participants and a trained mentor who meet weekly over the course of a 9-month academic year. Through study, prayer, and reflection, EfM groups move toward a new **understanding of the fullness of God's kingdom. St. John's newest EfM class began in August 2010.**

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Sharing & Caring Prayer Group: **St. John's** has two Sharing & Caring Prayer Groups; one meets at 10am on Sundays and one meets at 7 pm on Thursdays, each in room 230. These groups meet to pray and discuss individual concerns, needs, accomplishments and spiritual walk in a friendly small group setting. Our goal is to prayerfully encourage, support and guide each other. We use the Cursillo Order of Reunion as our framework. Anyone is welcome, once or all year long! Newcomers are always welcome.

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Programs for Children and Youth

EYC (Episcopal Youth Community): Youth **ministry at St. John's exists to spark and nurture** the spiritual development of young people during their teen years (6th grade through 12th grade). Because of differing levels of maturity and challenges, there are two major divisions within the Youth Ministry program: Juniors programming is for students in 6th through 8th grade, while Seniors programming is for students in 9th through 12th grade. For both Juniors and Seniors, there are a variety of opportunities.

EYC activities are planned and executed by teams of youth, with the guidance and support of adult youth workers. EYC meets on Sunday evenings through the academic year for fellowship, programs and worship. Juniors meet from 5 to 6:30 pm and Seniors meet from 7 to 8:30 pm. A community supper for juniors, seniors and advisors happens between the meetings from 6:30 to 7 pm. In addition to the regular meetings we also offer:

- Weekend retreats in the fall, winter, and spring
 - Wednesday evening Bible Study for Juniors and Seniors (7 pm)
 - Service opportunities, including the Soup Kitchen and Room in the Inn
 - Mission trips
 - Special events, like the 30-Hour Famine and Masquerade Ball
 - Youth Praise Band, Diocesan events, including Happening and Youth Conferences
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EYC Advisors: There is a wonderful team of adults who give their love, talent, and energy to **making youth ministry possible at St. John's**. This group of EYC advisors engages in the relational ministry necessary to build meaningful relationships with youth. They also help with the logistical needs of the youth program (driving, chaperoning, etc.). If you have a heart for working with teenagers, enjoy serving in a dynamic and fun ministry, and want to help shape the next generation of Christians, consider **becoming a youth advisor at St. John's**.

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EpiscoPALS: A ministry for youth in the 4th and 5th grades, EpiscoPals is a wonderful ministry for young Episcopalians and their parents to come together for fun and fellowship, with a bit of Christian devotion and some introduction to Christian service. Think of it as getting ready for Junior EYC. The emphasis is on learning how to be in Christian community and on having fun!

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Liturgy of the Lamb Classes: These classes are offered on Saturday mornings in the fall and **winter with a celebratory "Holy Eucharist" taking place** during the Sunday morning worship service following the conclusion of the classes. Children in first grade or older who have not taken the class are encouraged to enroll in one of these sessions.

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SCOUTING AT ST. JOHN'S

Girl Scouts: The Mission of Girl Scouts is to build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who may make the world a better place. Girls from kindergarten through high school are **placed in troops by our local Hornet's Nest Council** based on location, age, and what day of the week is best for the girl and her family. **St. John's currently serves as host to 7 different troops of various age levels. If you are interested in becoming a Girl Scout, contact the Hornet's Nest Council directly at 704-731-6500 or St. John's Girl Scout Liaison.**

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Cub Scouts: Cub Scout Pack 116 is a family oriented program for 1st through 5th grade boys. Parents, leaders and scouts work together to achieve the ten purposes of Cub Scouting: Character development, spiritual growth, good citizenship, sportsmanship and fitness, family understanding, respectful relationships, personal achievement, friendly service, fun and adventure and finally preparation for Boy Scouts.

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Boy Scouts: Boy Scout Troop 116, Charlotte, sponsored by St. John's Episcopal Church, is one of the strongest troops in the Mecklenburg County Council. Since being chartered in April 1962, Troop 116 has consistently gone on numerous outings and special High Adventure expeditions, has produced well over 200 Eagle Scouts, and has earned the right to call itself: **"The Action Troop"**® Meetings are Monday nights from 7 to 8:30 pm. Ours is a tradition of excellence and achievement.

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Venture Crew: Venturing is a Scouting program for young men and women who are 13 (and have completed the eighth grade) through 20 years of age. **St. John's program is a High Adventure** program with a purpose of providing positive experiences to help young people mature and prepare to become responsible and caring adults. Newcomers are always welcome.

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Vacation Bible School

June 20 – 24, 2011 9am to 12:30pm

VBS is for children 4 years old through rising 6th grade. 7th graders and older are Youth Helpers and college students through all ages are welcome as teachers. During the week we make great crafts, play fun games, sing songs, eat wonderful food and most importantly hear stories **that teach us about Jesus' Abundant Love** for each of us. This is a fantastic way to meet other parishioners and everyone is encouraged to participate!

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Youth Bible Studies: Programs run on Wednesday evenings for middle and high school students, **focusing on God's Word and instruction** for Christian living.

6pm - Disciple Bible Study (6-12 grade) is a year-long study (with weekly readings) covering most of the Bible.

7pm - Middle School & High School Bible Study classes.

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Music and Arts

The Music Ministries of St. John's offer opportunities for members and friends to sing and to ring. Each of the choirs is a warm and welcoming Christian community that is always seeking new members.

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Vocal Choirs:

The Cherub Choir for boys and girls, kindergarten through second grade, meets on Wednesdays at 5:00 pm for thirty minutes with director Justin Rhymer. Choir members learn to match pitch and work together, planning to sing in church about once a month. Second graders stay longer to improve their choral skills.

The Treble Youth Choir for boys and girls in grades 3-12 meets on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:30pm. This choir provides musical leadership for the 8:45 am service every Sunday during the school year. Through the RSCM training scheme, choristers learn Biblical, liturgical, musical, and vocal skills. Alternative rehearsals and vocal coaching are offered on weekday afternoons.

The Shepherd Choir for teens and adults sings alto, tenor, and bass with the Treble Youth Choir for the 8:45 service on Sunday. They meet each Wednesday from 6:30 to 7:45 pm. This choir offers an opportunity for the whole family to sing together!

St. John's Choir for teens and adults includes sopranos, altos, tenors, and basses who meet on Thursdays from 6:30 to 8 pm. They provide musical leadership for the 11:15 am service on Sun-

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days and special occasions through the year. The choir sings Evensong with other Charlotte Episcopal churches and enjoys an annual retreat to Kanuga to prepare for Christmas.

The Summer Choir meets each Sunday of the summer at 9 am to prepare for the 10am service. All singers, ages 8-88, are welcome to join in the fun. There's no weekday rehearsal or commitment involved. Just know that you are invited to come and sing when you are in town.

Royal School of Church Music in America is an international, ecumenical and professional music organization dedicated to excellence in church music through the training of choirs. Each summer St. John's sponsors the RSCMA Charlotte Training Course, one of ten courses offered in North America for the choral education of children, youth, adults, and choir directors. For more information about the RSCMA, see www.rscmamerica.org

Contact: Alan Reed 704-366-3034
alan@saintjohns-charlotte.org

Handbells: St. John's has three excellent opportunities for people interested in participating in a Handbell Choir. Two choirs are directed by Chip Carter and give a great opportunity to contribute musically to our services.

The Youth Handbell Choir meets on Wednesdays from 6:15 to 7 pm during the school year.

The **St. John's Ringers** is a handbell choir for teens and adults that meets on Wednesdays from 7 to 8:30 pm during the school year.

Tuesday Night Bell Ringers, directed by

Greg McAbee, is a group especially for beginners. New members are welcome in all choirs. For general information about handbell and handchime music, visit the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers web site.

Contact: Chip Carter 704-542-3729
hcarter10@carolina.rr.com
Greg McAbee 704-542-3729
mcabees@aol.com

Living Water Praise Band: The Praise Band provides worship music leadership for the Contemporary Service at St. John's. The band works with the clergy to select worship music, including Christian contemporary and updated settings of traditional hymns. Led by Justin Rhymer, the band rehearses Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm.

Contact: Justin Rhymer 803-517-4332
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TAMS (The Arts Ministry): The purpose of this group is to promote interest and participation in all facets of the arts within our Christian community, enabling us to express our love of God in beautiful and rewarding ways. TAMS encourages the participation of all who wish to share their talents to the glory of God. If you have a talent or interest in drama, drawing and painting, liturgical dance, instrumental or vocal music, crafts, puppetry, story telling, clown ministry, or any other area of the visual or performing arts, please call the church office to let us know your interest.

Contact: Donna Weinstein 704-542-0371
donna Weinstein@bellsouth.net

Weekly Music Rehearsal Schedule		
Tuesdays		
7 pm	Tuesday Night Bell Ringers	208
Wednesdays		
5 pm	Cherub Choir	Choir room
5:30 pm	Treble Choir	Choir room
6:30 pm	Shepherd Choir	Choir room
6:15 pm	Youth Bells	208
7 pm	St. John's Ringers	208
7:30 pm	Living Water Praise Band	Parish Hall
Thursdays		
6:30 pm	St. John's Choir	Choir room

Serving One Another

Cancer Care Ministry: This ministry, comprised of men and women who have first-hand experience with cancer, is ready and eager to give back to others what has been given to them. Understanding that there is hope when dealing with cancer, volunteers in this ministry provide a listening ear, share compassion and understanding, provide transportation for treatment and give hugs when needed. Meetings are on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm. Please join us!

Contact: Mary Catherine Coon 704-542-7801
thirdorder@aol.com

Flower Ministry: Volunteers deliver the altar flowers to parishioners after services or during the early part of the week to members who are unable to attend church that week. Recipients are determined by the clergy and a card and service leaflet are included. To join this group contact Elizabeth Sigmon.

Contact: Elizabeth Sigmon 704-844-6756
elizabethksigmon@gmail.com

Food for Families at St. John's: This ministry of dedicated women takes the love of St. John's to families in crisis by furnishing one or more meals. A family's name is referred to the ministry by the clergy; the family is then contacted and arrangements are made for the meal or meals to be delivered.

Contact: Nancy Joyner 704-554-6359
nfcjoyner@gmail.com

Intercessory Prayer Group: The St. John's Intercessory Prayer Group is a collection of St. John's members who volunteer to pray for parishioners of St. John's and their families and friends. We also pray for the needs of St. John's and our clergy. Each intercessor commits to daily prayer for assigned prayer requests. Contacts with the prayer sponsors are made monthly to check on the status of each prayer request. The Prayer Team holds pot luck luncheons on the first Tuesday of each month after the Healing service as our opportunity to meet together and encourage each other. We invite any interested parishioner to join this team.

Contact: Donna Weinstein 704-542-0371
donna Weinstein@bellsouth.net

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Adult confirmed communicants in good standing, who have been carefully chosen and trained, and specially licensed, may serve as Lay Eucharistic Ministers. To be licensed, candidates are recommended by **the Rector to the Bishop. "Such special license shall be given only at the request, and upon the recommendation of the Member of the Clergy in charge of the Congregation in which the Lay Eucharistic Minister will be serving. The license shall be issued for a period of time not to exceed three years and shall be revocable at any time by the Bishop, or by the Member of the Clergy at whose request it was granted." (Title III, Canon 3, Sec. 2)** If you are interested in this ministry, Deacon Russ Settles is happy to discuss it with you.

Contact: Fr. Josh Bowren 704-366-3034
jbowron@saintjohns-charlotte.org

The Men of St. John's: Brothers in Christ in prayerful service to our church, this group is guided by three tenets: prayer, fellowship and service. **It's purpose is to give the men of St. John's Episcopal Church a healthy, fun and safe way to engage in Christian prayer, fellowship and service to the parish. Each monthly gathering is meant to be a purposeful time in one, two or all three tenets. All men of St. John's are welcome to join.**

Contact: Josh Lyle 704-309-9533
joshua.lyle@mac.com
John Patrick 704-841-7784
jpatrick@missionpro.com

Sunshine Ministry: Once each quarter we hold an evening meeting to make handmade greeting cards filled with love and compassion for parishioners who are new to the weekly prayer list. This fall in addition to the get well and sympathy cards, we will be making thank you/prayer cards for the Support Our Troops Outreach ministry. We welcome you to join in the fun!

Contact: Jane Golz 704-849-8326
jane.golz@yahoo.com

Worship Support

Acolytes: **St. John's Church has a very active** corps of dedicated acolytes. These young men and women, grades 6 through 12, have the honor and privilege of serving and assisting the clergy during the 8:45 and 11:15 services during the winter, and the 10:00 service during the summer. In addition, they may assist at additional special services during the year as necessary.

All acolytes, whether new or returning, are required to attend a training session held in late August of each year. Acolyte teams for the year are assigned from those attending this session. Additionally, adult men and women serve at the 7:30 a.m. service during the winter and the 8:00 a.m. service during the summer.

Contact: Rick Johnson 704-544-9382
rick4994@bellsouth.net

Altar Guild: The Altar Guild is an organization whose purpose is preparing the worship areas for Sunday services, the Tuesday healing services, weddings, baptisms, and funerals as they occur. The Guild is divided into four weekly groups who gather in the Sacristy on Saturday mornings to clean and polish silver and brass for **that Sunday's services. Laundry duties include each week's Purificators (linens used on chalices for communion) and other linen items, as needed.**

With four services each Sunday from September through the end of May, each group has designated members to clean up and reset after the 7:30 and 8:45 services and clean up and return to storage cabinets all vessels used for communion after the last service. The processional Cross and torches are also returned to the Sacristy.

Flower arrangements designated for delivery are placed in the hallway outside of the Sacristy, where a member of the Flower Ministry will pick them up.

Contact: Anne Parker 704-541-3194
anparker@tuckeradministrators.com

Chalice Bearers: A chalice bearer is one who assists with distributing the wine during Holy Communion. Any confirmed older youth or adult may become a chalice bearer following

training and licensing, and will be scheduled on a monthly rotation. It is an honor and solemn responsibility to distribute the wine in the context of worship.

Contact: Fr. Josh Bowron 704-366-3034
jbowron@saintjohns-charlotte.org

Lay Readers and Intercessors: Lectors assist during all four of the Sunday morning services by reading the Old and New Testament lessons. Intercessors lead the congregation in reading the Prayers of the People. Training is available **from one of St. John's clergy.**

Contact: The Fr. Josh Bowron 704-366-3034
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Southminster: Morning Prayer is led by lay people on the first and third Sundays of each month at Southminster Retirement Community, located at 8919 Park Road. This service of Morning Prayer is a short version from the Book of Common Prayer, printed in a booklet. The leader prepares a five to seven minute homily and robes in a cassock and surplice. The service lasts from 11 to 11:30 am; leaders should arrive at 10:30. This is a wonderful and enriching Spirit-filled service both for our teams and the residents of Southminster.

Contact: Mary Catherine Coon 704-542-7801
thirdorder@aol.com

Ushers: Volunteer ushers direct and escort parishioners before, during, and after church services. Volunteers are assigned to a team; each team takes one service for a month, three times per year. Teams are happy to add to their ranks; newcomers are welcome!

Contact: Bill Nuttall 704-366-2493
wennuttall@earthlink.net

Vergers: A verger is a person within the Church who assists the clergy in the conduct of public worship. The Verger serves the church in a ministry of welcome; the duties of the Verger vary from parish to parish. The Office of Verger dates back to the Middle Ages when the verger was the "Protector of the Procession." He led the procession into the church or cathedral, clearing

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the way for the procession and protecting it from vagabonds and animals that tried to attack it.

Today, in many parishes and cathedrals you will see a verger ceremonially leading the procession.

At St. John's, we have a team of vergers who share in this ministry. To inquire about becoming a verger, contact Fr. Paul.

Contact: Fr. Josh Bowron 704-366-3034
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Worship Committee: The Worship Commit-

tee critiques the various services held at the church. This group works with representatives from the altar guild, ushers, acolytes, lay readers, choir, etc. A member of the clergy is present at all meetings, held bimonthly on Mondays at 6pm.

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wenuttall@earthlink.net

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Bookstore: The **St. John's Bookstore**, located on the first floor near the preschool entrance, has a wide assortment of books, cards, crosses, silver jewelry and gift items. Volunteers staff the bookstore on Sunday mornings between services.

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Cynthia Sturtevant 704-649-0813
cynthiasturtevant@yahoo.com

Building and Grounds Maintenance: The many "projects" (painting rooms, cleaning out storage spaces, planting and gardening, light carpentry, etc.) to be done around St. John's are such that individuals or families take on a project that fits their schedule. Volunteers also work to help beautify and clean up the church grounds seasonally. Dates and times of work-days are advertised in advance.

Contact: Leslie Davis 704-366-3034
leslie@saintjohns-charlotte.org

Business Office Support: While the Parish Steward is responsible for all financial services at St. John's, volunteer assistance is always welcome. *Accounts payable* (verify vouchers and invoices, calculate sales tax for vendor invoices, calculate credit card bill sales tax report); *Posting Committee* (count and deposit donations; pairs generally meet on Mondays or as required for special offerings); *other* (conduct miscellaneous research projects, assist in preparing for the annual visit by external auditors).

Contact: Susan Mason 704-366-3034
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Guardians of Eden: Becoming earth friendly at St. John's, the **Guardians of Eden are looking** at several projects that will promote recycling, sustainability and reduction of natural resource consumption. While we have some great things planned for the fall in both adult education and **children's ministries, this group also suggests** goals you can consider within your own home in **an effort to be better stewards of God's earth.**

Contact: Jane Golz 704-849-8326
jane.golz@yahoo.com

Memorial Garden Committee: St. John's beautiful memorial garden is enjoyed by members and guests alike, a place to enjoy the beauty of God's bounty, to worship, to meditate and to offer thanks for the gifts we are given. The garden is lovingly maintained by members and we can always use help. We keep a list of willing volunteers to call on for special jobs: plants moved, limbs sawed, limbs taken to the trash, mulch spread, dirt moved, etc. Much of the care for the garden is done on a flexible schedule. We love to have volunteers who drop by the garden on their own schedule or with a friend to weed, pick up sticks, and help with odd jobs.

Contact: Hallie Walker 704-846-4893
halliewalker@windstream.net

News and Communication: There are several opportunities to get involved in communicating to the parish all that is happening at St. John's. **Our newsletter, *The Voice***, is published monthly and help is appreciated in the production and printing of this publication. We will soon launch *Communication Central* and will need volunteers to maintain the displays of bro-

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chures, booklets and other communication pieces. **If you're creative and enjoy graphic design work**, we always have a special project that can use your talent!

Contact: Kate Hindin 704-341-2294
katehindin@gmail.com

Parish Leadership: **St. John's has a rich history** of dedicated lay leadership. The Vestry is composed of 12 elected members of the parish. Four Vestry members are elected at the annual meeting in November to serve a three-year term beginning the following January. From the Vestry, a Senior Warden and Junior Warden are elected each year.

The Diocese of North Carolina holds its Annual **Convention in January. St. John's elects six delegates** and six alternates to represent our parish. Of these, one delegate and one alternate are elected from the youth membership and have the same responsibilities and duties as their adult colleagues.

In addition to these elected leadership roles, the Vestry appoints a Treasurer and Finance Chair to serve the parish. If you would like to become **involved in the leadership of St. John's**, contact the Senior Warden or the Rector to learn more about these ministries.

Contact: Fr. Paul S. Winton 704-366-3034
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Receptionists: Volunteers answer the phone, assist the staff and act as receptionist during office hours: mornings, Monday through Friday (9-12:30) and afternoons Monday through Thursday (12:30-4:00).

Contact: Hilary Brown 704-542-6008
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Recording Ministry: Sermons and Dr. Cooley's classes are recorded each week, to make **CD's available to share with parishioners and friends**. If you like behind the scenes volunteering, this is perfect for you. No experience needed—we'll teach you what you need to know!

Contact: Kate Hindin 704-341-2294
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St. Francis Garden: The garden in the atrium, located downstairs as you enter through the main entrance, is dedicated to St. Francis and is cared for by loving hands. Green thumbs are not required, just a love of plants and a willingness to help maintain this beautiful place.

Contact: Nancy Joyner 704-554-6359
nrjoyner@hotmail.com

St. John's Preschool: The Preschool is a ministry of the parish. The Director, Jenny Taylor, along with a dedicated staff, seeks to serve young children and their families in the Charlotte area. Our curriculum is directed toward the formation of basic concepts and readiness skills through the use of many varied hands-on concrete learning experiences. Above all, we believe that each child is unique and we seek to meet his or her particular individual needs in a secure, emotionally supportive environment. It is our sincere **hope that the children who come to St. John's Preschool** will find a joyful, enriching learning experience that will develop a love for learning and a sense of security that will last a lifetime.

Contact: Jenny Taylor 704-366-3676
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Diocese of Costa Rica Partnership: St. John's has enjoyed a 12-year history of mission work with the Diocese of Costa Rica and is an **active member of the Diocese of North Carolina's** Costa Rica Companion Relationship Committee. The Bishop of Costa Rica, Bishop Hector Monterosso, has a three-fold vision for his Diocese -- expansion of the church, theological formation, and education and Christian testimony through **service. St. John's, along with the committee, is** fully engaged in making this vision a reality. Volunteers are invited to become involved, either through teaching Vacation Bible School or helping with construction of new churches and pre-schools in various communities of Costa Rica. The rewards are great!

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Cathy Harrison 704-366-3034
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Episcopal Relief & Development is the compassionate response of our Church to human suffering around the world. The agency works with Anglican and ecumenical partners to save lives and build hope in many communities around the world by responding to emergencies and by implementing life-saving food and health programs in the poorest areas. **St. John's members** can help by praying for our afflicted brothers and sisters and by providing aid and donating to Episcopal Relief & Development through St. John's or online at www.er-d.org.

Contact: Reid Joyner 704-554-6359
reidjoyner@hotmail.com

Family Promise: Family Promise of Charlotte is a network of churches in the Charlotte area that provide food, shelter, and support for families in need of shelter. This program utilizes existing community resources to address the needs of homeless families. By doing so, we provide a cost-effective way to address family homelessness and increase the involvement of the community in the issues and solutions.

Volunteers from local churches and various community agencies are the heart of the Network; without them, it cannot exist. They provide a variety of services: cooking and serving meals,

playing with children or helping them with homework, and staying overnight. Beyond providing lodging and meals, volunteers interact with the guests, treating them with respect and **responding with compassion. St. John's hosts** families for one week, four times each year in non-winter months. The program defines families as one of the following: Single mother with child(ren), single father with child(ren), a couple with child(ren), legal guardian with child(ren).

Contacts: Chris Smith 704 366-9634
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Guild of St. Margaret: The Guild of St. Margaret is a service group for the women of St. John's that focuses on helping homeless children at A Child's Place. We work closely with Billingsville Elementary School and welcome all members of the church to join us in supporting the children there.

Contact: Stephanie Green 704-341-7754
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Habitat for Humanity: Volunteers from St. John's help build houses for low-income families who currently live in inadequate housing and want to own their own home and are enrolled in the Habitat for Humanity program. All skill levels are needed to paint, put up drywall, finish carpentry and other tasks associated with this ministry. As a bonus, the family who will move into the home works alongside the volunteers, contributing sweat equity towards the purchase of their home.

Contact: Christ Koconis 704-366-7600
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Hospitality House: Hospitality House provides a "home away from home" for out-of-town family members of patients in local hospitals. The house is located directly across from Carolinas Medical Center and is staffed by volunteers from 9am to 1pm, 1 to 5pm, and 5 to 9pm daily. The house has 44 beds in semi-private rooms with baths. As a nonprofit organization Hospitality House relies primarily on donations from the guests and the community in the form of casseroles for dinners, food supplies so guests may cook for themselves, and gift cards for super-

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stores for the purchase of linens and cleaning supplies.

Contact: Carolyn Morris 704-541-6591
mimimorris@bellsouth.net

Job Hunters: The Job Hunters Support Group has been in continuous operation since 1987. We meet Tuesdays from 7 to 9pm. We provide a speaker the first hour who provides information related to the job search process (preparing resumes, interviewing, networking, etc.) During the second hour job seekers are provided an opportunity to expand their networks by sharing their situation and goals with the group. Additional services include a resume and cover letter review and critique, and a mock interview program to help hone interviewing skills. There are no fees or registration requirements (just show up). Volunteers are welcome to facilitate meetings, recruit speakers, review resumes, etc.

Contact: Jeff Searcy 704-341-2255
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Kanuga Kids: Each year, St. John's partners with several local agencies to send disadvantaged children to Camp Bob at Kanuga. St. John's raises the money and sends volunteers to help supervise at camp; the agencies (after-school programs and church/social-service organizations) select children from within their programs. The camp at Kanuga is fully staffed with trained counselors, and runs on a Monday through Friday schedule, usually in mid-July.

There are many opportunities to help in this ministry. A couple of leaders are needed to organize all the pre-camp logistics: arranging for bus transportation for the kids, recruiting adult volunteers from church for the camp, coordinating the kids' applications from the agencies, and acting as the fund-raising contact. Additionally, volunteers are needed to help at check-in as the kids are loaded on the bus, to travel to camp to mentor the children there, and to prepare lunches for the bus ride up. There are many ways, big and small, to help out.

Contact: John Mattox 704-904-8378
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Loaves and Fishes: Since 1975, Loaves and Fishes has provided emergency food to individuals and families in need throughout Charlotte and Mecklenburg County. Last year, over 70,000 clients were served, almost double the number from five years ago. Clients are referred to Loaves and Fishes by Charlotte-Mecklenburg human services agencies, hospitals, home health care providers, school counselors, and local clergy. **Clients receive a week's worth of nutritionally balanced meals, including non-perishable foods such as canned fruits, vegetables, soups, peanut butter, rice, macaroni and cheese, and such fresh foods as meat, eggs, margarine and bread.**

There are several opportunities for volunteering: at the phone center, at one of the 18 pantries in the area, and as part of the delivery crew. **Several St. John's members work during the year at the St. Andrew's Episcopal Church pantry on Central Avenue, the busiest of all the pantries!**

Contacts: Debby Stoudenmire,
Volunteer Coordinator 704-553-2612
slnk5@carolina.rr.com
Meredith McGough,
Donation Collection and Delivery 704-541-4850
meredithmcgough@bellsouth.net

Men's Shelter of Charlotte: Volunteers provide dinner for up to 300 men on the second Saturday of every other month-- beginning in February. Jo Brock provides the delicious main course, which is food she sets aside from the Wednesday night dinners. We then prepare the **remainder of the meal at the Men's Shelter. Our team of 5 or 6 individuals begins food preparation on the appointed Saturday at 3:30 pm, serves dinner at 5:15, and leaves around 6 pm (with men from the Men's Shelter taking care of clean up.)**

Contact: Tim Comin 704-552-0708
btcomin@mindspring.com

Outreach Committee: Being an Outreach Committee member is about service. Members serve a three-year term and sit on one of three committees: Service, Selection or Promotion. Members seek out and rally St. John's **members' time, talent and treasure toward min-**

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istries guided by Christian principles that focus on serving the community and that have a history of or a potential for active commitment and support from our parishioners. We meet up to six times per year in committee form, and up to six times per year in our subcommittees to organize support and disperse Vestry-allocated funding to various ministries we are passionate about. We are more about *doing* than *meeting*.

Contact: Jack Conlan 704-366-8276
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Red Cross Blood Program: At St. John's, we hold four blood drives per year. Donating blood is an amazing gift that you can give and help to save a life. Each unit of blood that is donated can save as many as three lives. Volunteers are needed to help with recruiting blood donors about one month before each blood drive. On the day of the blood drive we need volunteers to sign people up for blood donation. Each blood drive has a goal of 23 donors but we would like to increase this to 30! Please consider giving the gift of life through blood donation.

Contact: Emily Tucker 704-544-6789
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Room in the Inn: Since 1996 Urban Ministries of Charlotte has been working with congregations to open their facilities during the winter months to provide shelter and food for the homeless. The Room in the Inn Program began with 20 shelter sites and has grown today to almost 100 congregations providing 14, 750 beds for 1,247 neighbors.

On Thursday nights, December through March, **St. John's provides a warm, safe place to sleep** and two meals (dinner and breakfast) for 12 homeless guests. A van driver picks up the guests downtown at the Urban Ministry Center and returns them the next morning. We have five areas of volunteer opportunities: van driving, bed set-up, meal preparation, laundry, and overnight hosting. This ministry is not only a necessity for our neighbors in Charlotte but also a very rewarding experience for the volunteers. There is an opportunity for everyone to help.

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Supporting our Troops Outreach: The goals and mission of this ministry are to communicate, pray for and support our military personnel, those who are members of St. John's and those in the larger community. In Tilton Hall we have five boards, one for each branch of the military, where names can be found of service men and women. Volunteers send cards and packages to these troops and pray for their safety and safe return. Special initiatives are held during the year to benefit the troops as well as members of our Military Reserve Training location in Charlotte.

Contact: Susan Bramlett 704-759-8818
susanbramlett@bellsouth.net

Thompson Child and Family Focus: Volunteers play a wonderful and critical role at Thompson Child & Family Focus through offerings of their time, talents, and experiences. Individuals and groups can get involved in a variety of ways. Volunteers help create safe, nurturing environments and provide special attention and support for the children of Thompson.

Contact: Toinette Wilkinson 704-644-4371
twilkinson@thompsoncff.org

World Vision's 30 Hour Famine: Every year, St. John's youth lead the parish in "Doing the Famine." We go without food for 30 hours to know what it means to be hungry; we sleep outside in cardboard boxes to know what it means to be homeless; we raise funds to help feed and care for thousands of people all over the world to know what it means to save lives and change the world. Since 2000, St. John's has raised significant awareness of world hunger throughout our community and over \$500,000 towards worldwide famine relief. Look for ways to get involved and "Do the Famine" with us the last weekend in February.

Contact: Matt Williams 704-366-3034
matt@saintjohns-charlotte.org



Ready to become involved? You may talk to the ministry contact shown in this booklet or complete this form. A St. John's staff member or ministry head will follow up with you to help you get involved!

I would like more information about these ministries and wish to be contacted.

I am interested in joining these ministries or small groups. Please help me get connected.



I have a gift or talent that isn't mentioned in this booklet. Please contact me to discuss how to be involved.

Comments:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____



Questions? Contact Rhett Leake at opportunities@saintjohns-charlotte.org

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